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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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TRAINING FLIGHT COORDINATION

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I. PURPOSE: To establish the procedures to be followed in planning and executing Operational Training Missions which penetrate the [REDACTED] ADIZ.

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II. SCOPE: This SOP is applicable to all operations personnel involved in the scheduling, flight planning and flight monitoring of training flights which penetrate the [REDACTED] ADIZ.

III. RESPONSIBILITY: The Director of Operations is responsible for insuring that the provisions of this SOP are adhered to.

IV. PROCEDURES:

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A. Scheduling: The scheduling of training flights which penetrate the [REDACTED] ADIZ will be fully coordinated with [REDACTED] operations and will be scheduled only as dictated by specific mission requirements. A back-up mission will also be scheduled to provide a readily available alternate mission should conditions preclude flying the primary route. Prior to schedule confirmation, a complete check of all enroute radar and airfield status will be made. This will include:

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- (1) A check of radar programmed maintenance down times as reflected on the monthly schedule for [REDACTED] which is provided by AOC.
- (2) A complete NOTAM's check of enroute airfield and navigational aid status.
- (3) A preliminary check of forecast weather for the period of the proposed flight.

B. AOC Coordination: AOC will be notified of the intended mission via the X-5 telephone in accordance with routine procedures. AOC will be requested to supply any change in enroute radar status at least two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. AOC will, in turn, insure that all enroute radar sites are apprised of all requirements for flight following. This will include the requirement for monitoring the appropriate UHF tactical frequency.

C. Special Notification Procedures:

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- (1) On the day prior to the proposed flight, message notification will be sent to [REDACTED] ATTN: Idealist Project Officer, with information copies to [REDACTED] Notification will include:

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(a) The proposed flight plan number.

(b) Time, based on no wind conditions, of all ADIZ entry, turn points, and exit points.

(2) Notification of cancellation will be sent as required.

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- D. Briefing: It will be jointly determined by the Director of Operations and the [REDACTED] whether the selected route or the alternate will be flown. Determination will be based on the updated radar, airfield and navigation aid status and the existing and forecast weather enroute. The Director of Operations will insure that the pilot is thoroughly briefed prior to departure on the weather and the available normal and emergency facilities enroute.
- E. Inflight: The Director of Operations will insure radar flight following continuity. This will be accomplished by a cross-check with AOC at least every thirty (30) minutes during the overwater portion of the flight. If radar contact is lost at any time, the pilot will immediately be advised and the aircraft recalled, dependent on position and weather conditions.
- F. Emergencies: In the event an inflight emergency should occur, the Director of Operations will immediately initiate the appropriate procedures as outlined in the Command Post Procedures SOP, (H-50-20). The [REDACTED] AOC will be responsible for all coordination with the [REDACTED] AOC in support of recovery operations, including Air Sea Rescue and escort service, as required.

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